

West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service

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WEST VIRGINIA CROP ACREAGE FOR 2003

WEST VIRGINIA -- Winter wheat planted in West Virginia for 2003 is estimated at 12,000 acres. The projected harvest for grain is 7,000 acres. These estimates are unchanged from the year 2002.

Corn planted is estimated at 45,000 acres, down 10 percent or 5,000 acres from last year. Growers expect to harvest 27,000 acres for grain, also down 10 percent, or 3,000 acres from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 17,000, a decrease of 6 percent, or 1,000 acres from 2002. Harvested acreage is projected at 16,000, also a 6 percent decrease, or 1,000 acres less than was harvested in 2002.

Tobacco area for harvest is expected to total 1,200 acres, down 8 percent or 100 acres from the year 2002.

All hay harvested is forecast at 585,000 acres, up 3 percent or 15,000 acres from the year 2002. Other hay harvested is expected to be 540,000 acres, up 4 percent, or 20,000 acres from last year's harvest. Alfalfa hay harvested is expected to total 45,000 acres, down 10 percent, or 5,000 acres from last year

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2003, Agricultural Survey.

UNITED STATES WITH 2002 COMPARISONS

- Corn planted for all purposes - 79.1 million acres, virtually unchanged from 2002.
 - Biotechnology varieties as a percent of corn planted:
 - Bt - 25% of 2003 crop, 22% of 2002 crop;
 - Herbicide Resistant - 11% of 2003 crop, 9% of 2002 crop;
 - Stacked Gene - 4% of 2003 crop, 2% of 2002 crop;
 - All Biotech varieties - 40% of 2003 crop, 34% of 2002 crop.
- Corn harvested for grain - 72.0 million acres, up 4 percent.
- Winter wheat planted - 44.3 million acres, up 6 percent.
- Winter wheat harvested for grain - 36.5 million acres, up 23 percent.
- Oats planted - 4.68 million acres, down 7 percent.
- Oats harvested for grain - 2.29 million acres, up 9 percent.
- All tobacco harvested - 413,710 acres, down 3 percent, lowest since 1874.
- Burley tobacco harvested - 149,200 acres, down 6 percent.
- All hay for harvest - 64.4 million acres, down slightly.
- Alfalfa hay for harvest - 23.5 million acres, up 2 percent.
- Other hay for harvest - 40.8 million acres, down 1 percent.
- Soybeans planted - 73.7 million acres, down 105,000 acres, lowest since 1998.
 - Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:
 - Herbicide Resistant only - 81% of 2003 crop, 75% of 2002 crop
- Soybeans for harvest - 72.7 million acres, up 1 percent.

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